

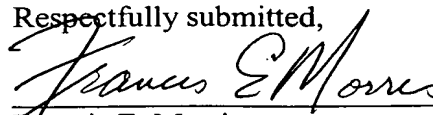
REMARKS

The foregoing revisions to the claims cancel claims 15-17. All the claims presently pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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